

**ECKERSLEY-HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE
MIDDLETOWN SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER
JANUARY 12, 2015
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6:00 PM**

Members Present: Joe Samolis, Trevor Davis, Augie DeFrance IV, Annabelle Malone, Ed Monarca Phil Pessina, Bill Wasch
Members Absent: Ed Dypa, Ryan Kennedy, Larry Riley
Others Present: Beth Lapin (staff); Steve June, (SP+A); Joe Aresco (MA&M); Ann Gregg, Deb Stanley (Recreation/Community); Bob Dobmeier (PW); Ron Organek, Phil Cacciolo (Greater Middletown Military Museum)

1.0 OPEN MEETING

Chair Joe Samolis opened the Eckersley Hall Building Committee meeting at 6:00 PM at the Middletown Senior/Community Center.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Samolis asked for approval of the December 8, 2014 minutes. Annabelle Malone made the motion to accept, seconded by Augie DeFrance. The vote to approve was unanimous.

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beth presented the financial report from January 5, 2015. Expenses since the previous meeting included pre-approved payments to MA+M and SP+A, plus salary for secretary/assistant. Moved by Augie DeFrance and seconded by Ed Monarca, the financial report acceptance passed unanimously.

BUDGET ITEMS

The committee received an invoice from Suburban Office Furniture dated 12/18/14 for \$12,588.89 to cover furniture, within the approved amount. Augie DeFrance made the motion to accept, seconded by Ed Monarca. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

NBI New England/Interscape submitted an invoice for furniture for \$41,564.54, the amount previously approved. Phil Pessina made the motion to accept, seconded by Augie DeFrance. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

The committee received an invoice from Trinity Furniture for \$43,361.25, twenty-one cents less than the approved amount. Ed Monarca made the motion to accept, seconded by Augie DeFrance. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

These Guys Install presented an invoice for \$17,704.67, the amount the committee approved for TVs, digital sign, and wall plates. Phil Pessina made the motion to accept, seconded by Ed Monarca. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

The committee received invoices from Northeastern Communications for \$37,747 and \$3,420.99 for a total of \$41,167.99, within the amount approved by the committee. Augie DeFrance made the motion to accept, seconded by Ed Monarca. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

Utility Communications provided an invoice for \$39,140.31 for surveillance cameras, as approved previously for a purchase order. Annabelle Malone made the motion to accept, seconded by Augie DeFrance. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

Bob Dobmeier presented an invoice for \$882.50 from Eagle Environmental for assessment and testing, as approved previously for their purchase order. Phil Pessina made the motion to accept, seconded by Augie DeFrance. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

Steve June presented an invoice from MA&M dated 1/05/15 for a total of \$138,562.78, which included dropping the retainage to 2.5%. Annabelle Malone made the motion to accept, seconded by Ed Monarca. The vote to approve payment was unanimous.

The city received a check from Connecticut Light and Power for \$15,809.50, which was the energy efficiency grant for the choice of lights and heat. This money was used to reduce the amount necessary for the second bond. Augie DeFrance made a motion, seconded by Annabelle Malone, to accept this money.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Organek, President of Greater Middletown Military Museum, expressed his confusion about funds from state/city. He indicted the need for an exact amount in order to develop a business plan.

Phil Pessina made an amendment to move item 5.5 to the first item in NEW BUSINESS. Seconded by Annabelle Malone, the vote to move the item was unanimous.

Beth read an email from former Chair Ron Klattenberg that congratulated the committee, Silver/Petrucelli, and Joe Aresco for doing such an amazing job.

There were no additional comments. Phil Pessina moved to close the public comment period. Seconded by Ed Monarca, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

MILITARY MUSEUM ALLOCATION

Chair Samolis explained that the Senior Center budget included \$300,000 from bond #2 to be used as a reimbursement for the State grant of \$300,000. Thus there would be a total of \$300,000 available, with any state reimbursement being used to offset bond #2's total bonded amount.

Phil Pessina made a motion, seconded by Annabelle Malone, to give Public Works authority to spend \$300,000 plus any remainder in bond #2 for the military museum at Veteran's Memorial Park, upon the dissolution of the Eckersley-Hall Building Committee. The vote to approve was unanimous.

ARESCO CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND UPDATE

Joe Aresco reported he was working with SP+A for final punch list, which included final rails, HVAC, and perhaps some paint touchup. He said the flagpole still in progress and the plaque was on order, hopefully available for the Grand Opening. The city was working on the room name signs.

SILVER/PETRUCELLI CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY REPORT

Steve June presented two change orders for a total of \$5,325:

- RCO #36: lower bathroom men's lights \$3,354
- RCO #41: wood rail at center stair: \$1,971

Trevor Davis made a motion, seconded by Ed Monarca, to approve these RCOs for a total of \$5,325. The vote to approve was unanimous.

LEED STATUS

Joe Aresco reported his office manager, still entering information into LEED, was working with SP+A. He expected to close out in the next few weeks. Preliminary reports were good on reaching LEED goals. Steve June and Bob Dobmeier suggested the maintenance bond be used as leverage against LEED, since it could take up to nine months for its approval.

GRAND OPENING

Joe Samolis announced that the Grand Opening was scheduled for Friday, February 6 at 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Invitations would be going out this week.

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7.0 ADJURNMENT

Chair Samolis asked for a motion to adjourn. Made by Phil Pessina and seconded by Ed Monarca, the vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.